

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAMS
PROCESSED PRODUCTS BRANCH

NOTICE TO THE TRADE

**SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF COLOR STANDARD FOR U.S. STANDARDS FOR
GRADES OF FROZEN RED TART PITTED (RTP) CHERRIES**

The Processed Products Branch (PPB), Fruit and Vegetable Programs wants to notify the food industry and other interested parties of the availability of the newly reproduced red tart pitted cherries color standards. Once you obtain your new color standard, we recommend you discard the old ones as they are no longer reliable due to fading and wear. PPB will be grading products based on these new color standards. You can obtain the color standard for frozen RTP cherries by contacting the licensed supplier:

GretagMacbeth™
Munsell® Color Services
617 Little Britain Road, Suite 102
New Windsor, New York 12553-6148
Telephone: (845) 565-7660 or
1-800-622-2384
Fax: (845) 565-2511

The above company may also be contacted for the color standards for frozen french fried potatoes, canned ripe olives, tomato products, canned tomatoes, canned pumpkin and squash, maple sirup, honey, and molasses. If you have any questions, please call PPB at (202) 720-5021 or fax at (202) 690-1527.

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